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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, pleasé amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-72 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 73-242 as follows:

- (NEW) A method for improving a swim fin, comprising: 73.
 - providing a foot attachment member; (a)
- providing an active portion connected to said foot attachment member and (b) forming a substantially forward extension of said foot attachment member, said active portion having a root portion adjacent to said foot attachment member and a blade free end portion remote from said root portion and said foot attachment member, said active portion having a longitudinal midpoint between said root portion and said free end portion, said active portion having a first half portion between said root portion and said